

What is claimed is:

1. A system for providing a user with access to an information site hosting information with controlled access, wherein there is provided a management site remote from the information site, the user logs on to the management site and the user is authenticated by the management site, the user requests the management site for access to information which is hosted at the information site, the user is logged on to the information site with authenticated access to the information, and wherein there is direct communication between the user and the information site for the supply of information from the information site to the user, and also direct communication between the management site and the information site for exchange of management information.

2. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the management information comprises data relating to the user's activities on the information site which is provided from the information site to the management site and stored on the management site for analysis.

3. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the management information is user authentication data provided by the management site.

4. A system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the management site hosts an open learning management system and the information site is an external learning content provider.

5. A system as claimed in claim 4, wherein the open learning management system enables access to a plurality of external learning content providers.

6. A system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the open learning management system also hosts integrated learning content.

7. A system for providing a user with access to learning content on an information site hosting information with controlled access, wherein there is

provided a management site which is remote from the information site and which hosts an open learning management system, the user logs on to the management site and the user is authenticated by the management site, the user requests the management site for access to learning content which is hosted at the information site, the user is logged on to the information site with authenticated access to the learning content, and wherein there is direct communication between the user and the information site to provide the learning content to the user, and there is also direct communication between the management site and the information site for exchange of management information which includes (a) data relating to the user's activities on the information site which is provided from the information site to the management site and stored on the management site for analysis; and (b) user authentication data for access to the learning content, the authentication data being provided by the management site.

8. A data processing system for use at a management site, configured to provide a user with access to an information site hosting information with controlled access, the data processing system being arranged to authenticate a user, to receive a user request for access to information which is hosted at the information site, and to arrange for the user to be logged on to the information site with authenticated access to the information by means of direct communication between the user and the information site, the data processing system also establishing direct communication between the management site and the information site for exchange of management information.

9. A data processing system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the management information comprises data relating to the user's activities on the information site which is provided from the information site to the management site and stored on the management site for analysis.

10. A data processing system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the management information is user authentication data provided by the management site.

11. A data processing system as claimed in claim 8, configured as an open learning management system providing access to an information site provided by an external learning content provider.

5 12. A data processing system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the open learning management system provides access to a plurality of external learning content providers.

10 13. A data processing system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the open learning management system also hosts integrated learning content.

15 14. A data processing system for use at a management site hosting an open learning management system, configured to provide a user with access to an information site hosting information provided by an external learning content provider with controlled access, the data processing system being arranged to authenticate a user, to receive a user request for access to information which is hosted at the information site, and to arrange for the user to be logged on to the information site with authenticated access to the information by means of direct communication between the user and the information site, the data processing system also establishing direct communication between the management site and the information site for exchange of management information which includes (a) data relating to the user's activities on the information site which is provided from the information site to the management site and stored on the management site for analysis; and (b) user authentication data for access to the learning content, the authentication data being provided by the management site.

20 15. A data processing system for use at an information site hosting information with controlled access, which is arranged to cooperate with a management site remote from the information site, the data processing system being configured to permit a user to be logged on to the information site via the management site with authenticated access to the information and direct communication between the user and the information site for supply of the information to the user, and the data processing system being further configured

for direct communication with the management site for the exchange of management information.

16. A data processing system as claimed in claim 15, wherein the management information comprises data relating to the user's activities on the information site which is provided from the information site to the management site and stored on the management site for analysis.

17. A data processing system as claimed in claim 15, wherein the management information is user authentication data provided by the management site.

18. A data processing system as claimed in claim 15, configured as a learning content provider for use with a management site which is an open learning management system.

19. A data processing system for use at an information site hosting learning content information with controlled access, which is arranged to cooperate with a management site remote from the information site, the data processing system being configured to permit a user to be logged on to the information site via the management site with authenticated access to the learning content information and direct communication between the user and the information site for supply of the learning content information to the user, and the data processing system being further configured for direct communication with the management site for the exchange of management information which includes (a) data relating to the user's activities on the information site which is provided from the information site to the management site and stored on the management site for analysis; and (b) user authentication data for access to the learning content information, the authentication data being provided by the management site.

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